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SUBJ: STTENDANCE AT COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED MEETING: NEPAL

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1. GIVEN PROBABLE COMPOSITION OF NEPAL'S DELEGATION TO
COLOMBO SUMMIT OF NON-ALIGNED (REFTEL), WE OFFER TH FOL-
LOWING THOUGHTS ON MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATON WHO COULD BE
APPROACHED BY US OBSERVERS AT MEETING.

2. FOREIGN SECRETARY UDDHAV BHATT IS BY FAR MOST KNOW-
LEDGABLE AND CAPABLE PROFESSIONAL DEALING WITH
NON-ALIGNED.

BHATT'S PREVIOUSSERVICE WITH UN DELEGATION HAS GIVEN HIM
BROAD UNDERSTANDING OF ISSUES, ASWELL AS NUMBER OF PER-
SONA CONTACTS AMONG ALL DELEGATIONS. SHOULD BHATT ATTEN
COLOMBO MEETING, WE WOULD RECOMMEND
HIM AS FIRST POINT OF
CONTACT FOR ANY US REPRESENTATIVE.

3. CHIRAN THAPA, PERSONAL PRESS SECRETARY TO THE KING,
IS THE COUNTRY'S DE FACTO FOREING MINISTER AND AS SUCH
WIELDS IMMENSE PERSONAL INDLUENCE WITH KING. THAPA,
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EDUCATED IN US, IF NOT ALWAYS FAVORABLY DISPOSED, WELL
AWARE OF US NTERESTS IN QUESTIONS INVOLVING NON-ALIGNED.
THAPA IS SOMEWHAT ALOOF AND SOMETIMES APPEARS TO BE OVERLY
IMPRESSED BY HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH KING. ALTHOGH HE WOULD

NORMALLY PREFER THAT CONSULTATIONS TAKE PLACE WITH FOREIGN
MINISTRY PROFESSIONALS, THAPA WOULD PROBABLY BE WILLING TO
CONSULT WITH US OFFICERS ON MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE. HE
SHOULD NOT BE APPROACHED FOR PROCEDURAL SUPPORT. FOREIGN
MINISTER ARYAL, IN OUR OPINION, NEITHER UNDERSTANDS ISSUES
INVOLVED, NOR DOES HE HAVE SUFFICIENT WEIGHT TO ALTER NEPAL'S
POSITIONS. THAPA WILL MAKE THE POLICY; BHATT WILL IMPLEMENT
IT TO THE BEST OF HIS CONSIDERABLE ABILITY.

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